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Union fights salary proposal

GW may cut service jobs by 10% while raising pay only 2%

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW service workers may face a 10 percent reduction in their staff and could get just 2 percent raises this year, according to a University proposal opposed by their labor union.

The Service Workers of Local 82, a chapter of the Service Employee International Union, posted signs around campus calling the University's proposal "insulting."

Local 82 said GW management has offered service workers an 18 cent an hour pay increase while employing 10 percent fewer people to do the same amount of work.

Services provided to GW by Local 82 workers include groundskeeping, housekeeping, portions of the Marvin Center staff and several positions at the GW Hospital including housekeeping and dietary services.

The union seeks, according to the signs on campus, "a commitment from GW to promote the qualified workers already here rather than hire from the outside" and "the recognition that we have the experience to help figure out how to do the work better and more efficiently."

Local 82 Executive Director Jay Hessey said some employees were insulted by the 2 percent pay raise. He explained that the group always has had a good working relationship with GW management in terms of resolving issues pertaining to fair working conditions.

But there are two major issues outside of the wage increase, he said. First, there is the workload question, because there has been a 10 percent reduction through attrition. The University proposal does

include replacing these workers, Hessey claims.

The second issue is job security. On both the University and the Medical Center sides there are tremendous fear of both subcontracting and layoffs, he said.

In addition, Local 82 has had a difficult time with ServiceMaster, which runs some house- and groundskeeping services for the University, Hessey said.

"We've had a rocky road with them for the last few years," he said. "We think we've reached an agreement in principle and we're still hammering out the details."

GW Public Affairs Director Mike Freedman said the University, including ServiceMaster, has "a long and satisfactory relationship" with the union.

"While our policies preclude us from discussing contract negotiations, we can say with sincerity we expect a fair wage for both parties," Freedman said. "We are confident the employees will be satisfied with the final package."

As for the worker's signs around campus, Freedman said GW "doesn't advocate postings of this type. We'd prefer to keep the negotiations at the negotiating table."

Hessey said the union posted the fliers "to reach out to the community to garner some support."

Facilities Management Associate Director Walter Gray said negotiations are proceeding well. "There has been some progress ... Some fairly substantial areas have been covered, but there are still substantial areas to go."

The Local 82 contract is set to expire Dec. 18.

"We're very hopeful," Hessey said of the deadline. "We're doing everything that we can to have an agreement. We want to see a good, fair resolution to this."



photo by Claire Duggan

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was the last presidential wife to visit GW's classroom series, "The President's Spouse." She touched on topics ranging from first dates to media coverage during Tuesday's discussion. See story, p. 11.

E-mail not for students' eyes only

BY ANDREW TARNOFF
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Next time you check your electronic mail, you should be aware that you might not be only person reaching it.

Mike Ellis, the administrator who handles the University's GWIS2 e-mail system, and his superiors have the right and the privilege to monitor all Internet transactions. But don't start writing in code just yet - Ellis said he does not have the time or the interest to read everybody's mail.

Ellis said he is "all powerful" when it comes to GWIS2, the UNIX-based Internet system many GW students and faculty use to write and receive e-mail.

Ellis stressed that the Computer and Information Resource Center is not a "police state," but its employees do not hesitate to look into suspicious activities on GWIS2.

"If someone is taking up 50 per-

cent of the (space on the system), I want to see what the hell they are doing," he said.

He said certain circumstances warrant observation that could include reading mail and forwarding it to any number of authorities, from the GW Office of Judicial Affairs to the FBI.

In fact, Ellis said he once received a call from the U.S. Secret Service in regard to the e-mail a GW student allegedly sent that might have contained harassing language. "It wasn't exactly stuff you would read in The (Washington) Post," Ellis said.

In that case, Ellis checked to verify the mail was from a GW student who did indeed have an Internet account. Any personal information gathered, such as the student's telephone number and address, is a matter of public record and can be forwarded to the Secret Service. Ellis did that in this case, and the situation was resolved.

"If we get a complaint, we will investigate," CIRC Director J. Bradley Reese said. "We reserve the right to investigate based on system and security."

But Reese added that in all cases the computer center follows protocol when investigating possible improprieties. "(We) always go through Judicial Affairs," he said.

Ellis said he is the only person at CIRC who has the authority to monitor students' e-mail, but he can pass that authority to his superiors if the situation warrants.

Ellis said he cannot check students' passwords. That, however, is the only access privilege he does not have because the passwords are automatically encrypted by the computer. He can change passwords, erase them and create them.

But that does not prevent Ellis from inspecting suspicious activities. Because of the nature of the UNIX operating system, Ellis said the center logs every action on GWIS2 from e-mail transactions to the uploading and downloading of software.

To any potential software pirates, Ellis' message is simple: "Don't do it, because you might get caught."

Ellis said he bases his actions regarding students' accounts on the

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Freshmen must re-register because of computer crash

BY MICHAEL ARCATI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Freshmen were shocked and angry when they discovered before leaving for Thanksgiving break that they had to go through the registration process again after a technical mix-up Nov. 18.

More than 1,600 students were informed of the error through letters sent from the Registrar's Office to all those who had registered after Nov. 17. A sign was also posted in the lobby of Thurston Hall telling students about the mistake.

"On Friday evening we experienced a technical problem with the Student Information System. As a result, all registration transactions for Spring 1995 ... have been affected and must be re-initialized," University Registrar J. Matthew Gaglione said in the letter.

Not all 1,600 students who registered on that Friday had to start over, but the registrar mailed the letter to all of them just to be sure.

Gaglione said the incident was the first failure in the telephone registration system since it was installed at GW three years ago.

"The computer center folks are going over the situation and making recommendations to make sure it doesn't happen again. We apologize to the students for any inconvenience this outrage might have caused," Gaglione said.

Students said they were irritated by the mix-up. "For a major University this shouldn't happen," freshman Laila Moshkelgosha said. "I got all my classes, but it's just very stressful."

"I felt like I wanted to cry. No one should have to go through that again. It's like a form of medieval torture," freshman Karen Gedeuldig added.

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Police investigate GU student's death

A Georgetown University student died in her residence hall room Tuesday and Metropolitan Police still are trying to find out why after ruling out illness and foul play.

The body of 17-year-old Melissa Lynn Sleeper was found about 4 p.m. by another student. Sleeper was pronounced dead at D.C. General Hospital at 11:15 p.m.

Sleeper, of Bowie, Md., lived in Georgetown's Village C West residence hall at 37th and O streets Northwest.

She was majoring in linguistics in the School of Languages and Linguistics, Georgetown spokes-

woman Sandra Hvidsten said.

Police said on Wednesday that the cause of death was unknown, pending an autopsy. There was no visible trauma, MPD said.

Georgetown Dean of Students James A. Donahue told the student newspaper, *The Hoya*, on Wednesday that police have ruled out disease and foul play, *Hoya* News Editor Dan Erck said. MPD would not say if the department is considering suicide as a cause.

Hvidsten said Georgetown's Office of Campus Ministry is planning a memorial service.

-Elissa Leibowitz

GW Neighbors Project gets \$100,000 grant

Money will go toward initiatives in Shaw area

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

A GW community service program is one of 11 across the nation to be awarded a \$100,000 federal grant through President Clinton's Americorps program.

GW's Neighbors Project will use the one-year grant to further several community service initiatives in the nearby Shaw neighborhood.

Neighbors Project members officially announced the partnership between GW and Americorps at a Monday press conference at Shaw's Garnet-Patterson Middle School.

The grant will provide the Neighbors Project with the assistance of 17 Americorps participants in the group's various initiatives in the Shaw neighborhood.

Volunteers have worked with Shaw residents and schoolchildren on a number of projects, such as tree-plantings in the Greener Shaw Project and mentoring at Garnet-Patterson in Project Teach.

They have also been involved in providing medical checkups to Shaw residents, helping homeless children in the area and offering SAT preparation courses to high school students.

The grant will fund nine Neighbors Project initiatives.

The group applied for the grant through the Corporation for National Service, the federal agency that handles Americorps and other aspects of community service. GW was among 11 groups chosen from more than 465 applicants to receive full funding for one year, according to a statement.

Neighbors Project Director Jeff Rickert said he feels the group's "strong partnerships with the community" helped them to win the grant.

He said Project Teach, in which 100 GW students tutor and mentor at Garnet-Patterson, is among the group's most important initiatives.

"Helping young people is definitely one of our major goals," Rickert said.

The Neighbors Project was founded in January 1993 to "focus the community service energy" of GW into one neighborhood, the statement said.

"Seeing how far we've come in just two years is pretty impressive, especially because we are a student-led initiative," Rickert said. "We started small and have become a Universitywide project."

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SA publishes student telephone directory

Students no longer have to bother GW Information when they want a phone number - the Student Association's annual telephone directory is now available.

Students may pick up their complimentary copy of the 1994-1995 student directory in the lobby of any residence hall or academic building, as well as in the Marvin Center.

SA Vice President for Public Affairs Marie Condron said the 10,000 copies of the directory cost between

\$8,000 and \$9,000 to produce. Condron said the SA is "pleased with how they turned out."

Students already have access to student numbers through GWIS2 and those without computers can call GW Information, Condron said.

She said of the directory that the SA has to deal with a "Catch-22" - students want the directory early, but if the SA puts it out too early, thousands of listings may be wrong.

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Big Brother

As the lanes on the information superhighway grow wider, so does the possibility of picking up a hitchhiker or two. The more people rely on electronic mail as an instantaneous form of communication, the more they should be aware of how vulnerable their letters are to prying eyes. At private universities, including GW, administrators reserve the right to read your e-mail. They can forward your e-mail to anyone from Judicial Affairs to the Secret Service, and they can cancel your account if they see fit.

Fortunately, GW's e-mail administrators are not so Orwellian in their intent. They respect students' right to privacy. They say unless they absolutely need to, they stay on the sidelines, letting students go about their business without big brother watching.

But things could change. While GWIS2 is a relatively private system, Computer and Information Resource Center administrators are the first to admit that the University's policy could change on at any time.

GWIS2 users are warned every time they log on that use of the system consents to occasional monitoring. This sets a dangerous precedent and invokes First Amendment rights to privacy and other constitutional issues. E-mail should be as secure as mail processed by the U.S. Postal Service. Legally, GW owns students' e-mail accounts, but they should not be able to snoop in if they feel a student is up to no good.

As e-mail becomes a more prevalent form of communication, people will increasingly put their trust in the privacy of their letter. The University recognizes this, and GWIS2 administrator Mike Ellis admits he has neither the time nor the interest to read the mail of all 8,000 students' accounts. But Ellis will not always be in charge of GWIS2. GW should make sure it stays out of students' accounts, even if the law says they can read their e-mail at will. Now is the time to draw an electronic line in the sand – and make sure it isn't crossed now or in the future.

A new world order

As the world moves toward a global economy, inevitably some Americans will get hurt. Whether they are the heads of large firms, who are used to basking in the warm glow of protectionism, or the politicians who base their campaigns on nationalist "buy American" crusades, not everybody will be happy with trade liberalization. But gradually, movement toward free trade zones will begin to make the world a better place for consumers. The impending passage of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is just one step along the path to a world economy, one in which the good will outweigh the bad.

There are some who fear that GATT will hurt America, stripping the country of its sovereignty and opening its market to be flooded by cheap imports. But in the long run, increased competition lowers prices and raises quality of domestic goods.

One needs only to look at the revitalized American automobile industry for proof as to what a little competition can do to U.S. firms. When the Japanese were beating American cars in every category, U.S. auto makers did not look to protectionism to survive – they lowered prices and raised the quality of their cars. Today, competition has transformed American cars into a new force with which to be reckoned.

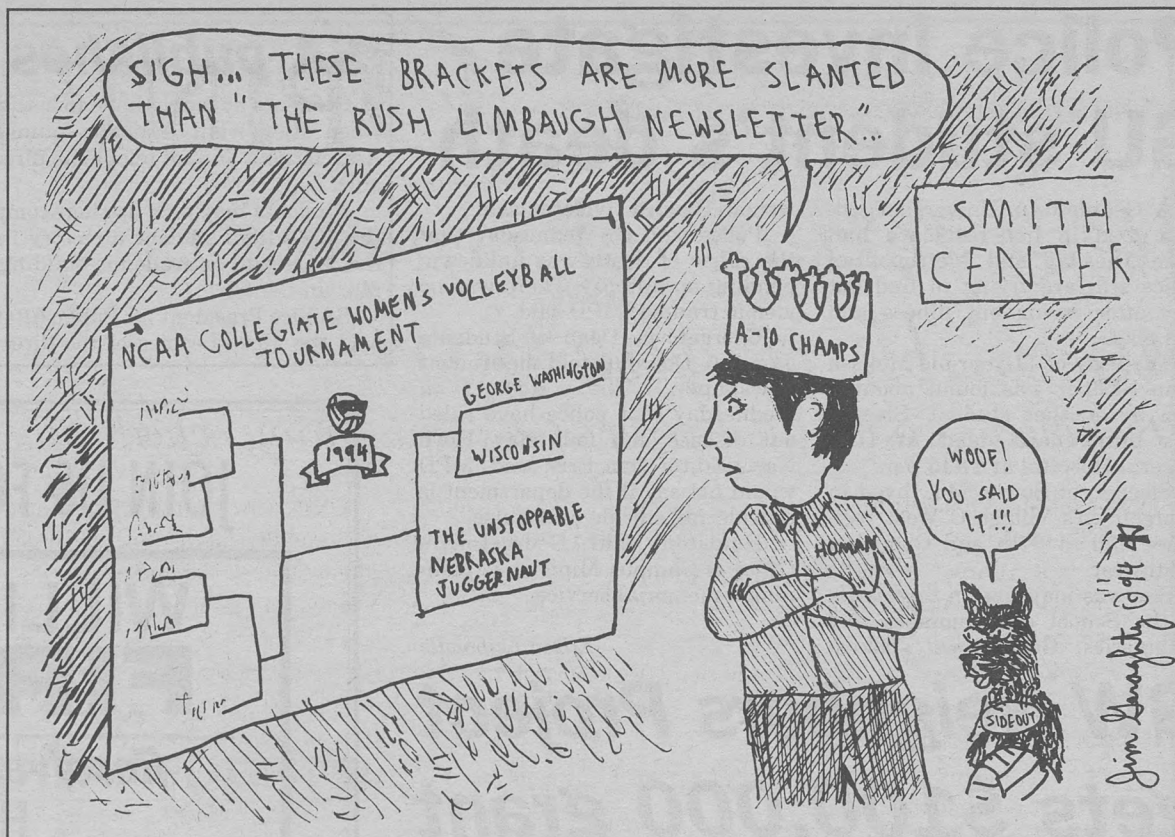
More than 120 nations have signed on to this latest round of GATT, and Democrats and Republican congressmen alike have embraced the ratification of the treaty. While important environmental and human rights issues of member countries must be addressed, the time for debate is over. Increased trade liberalization is right around the corner, and it could add \$1,700 to American families' incomes, according to President Clinton. The accord was signed on to last April – now it is time to make the treaty law.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Yinka who?

That's what we were anxiously awaiting to see on the cover of the Nov. 17 Hatchet, along with a picture of our victorious basketball team. But no, we got to see an enthralling picture of a man digging a hole in front of the Marvin Center. Exciting news, huh?! Don't misunderstand us, we are all in favor of the beautification of our urban campus. But the importance of a man planting a tree the day after our Colonials upset No. 12 Syracuse, a team expected to win the Big East conference, has lost its significance. Speaking as dedicated GW students and sports fans, we wanted to see a huge headline capturing the excitement of this tremendous victory on the front page of our paper. This was especially important to a team whose ability was doubted by the very fans who had cheered them in the NCAA Tournament last season. We also will admit skepticism for the team's success after the loss of our "star" center, NBA bench warmer, Yinka Dare.

What The Hatchet should have had were pictures, interviews and stats from the game. A trip to Syracuse was not required. A short jaunt outside of 2140 G St. over to the Marvin Center would have been sufficient. We know that you were anxious to move out of the Marvin Center, but do you have to forget that it is, after all, the student center? If you had been there you could have caught the jubila-

tion of the hundreds of loyal GW fans gathered in J Street watching the game. We feel it is our duty, as fans, to give the team, especially Alexander Koul, the due respect they deserve after far exceeding anyone's expectations. Koul's performance at times showed utter dominance of the center, denying Syracuse a driving lane and many offensive rebounds. All we have to say now is, to Dare, "Thanks for leaving, Yinka," and to The Hatchet, be the voice of the students' enthusiasm for a great upcoming basketball season.

-Aaron Cohen and GJ Collomb

Editor's note: As much as The GW Hatchet would have liked to have photos of the men's game in the Thursday issue, it was impossible to take, develop and print photos of an evening game in New York during our Wednesday night deadline. Likewise, our temporary lack of a darkroom prevented us from covering the J Street event for similar reasons.

Hail to the buff

After reading Elissa Leibowitz's scathing article "Koul is the rule for GW fans on TV," (The GW Hatchet, Monday, Nov. 21, p. 14) I was curious as to whether Leibowitz ever went to GW, and if so, what is her major malfunction?

I also watched the game on ESPN and was proud of our Colonials, fans and especially our

band and cheerleaders. I understand they are an easy target, but let's not forget it is their job to be cheerful and a little wacky, hence the name cheerleader. I suppose being clever may be a crime where some people come from, but to me it's all in the name of school spirit, something GW lacked for about 170 years. Is there something wrong with school spirit?

I would also like to point out some inconsistencies in her article, which was placed in the sports section and should have been put in the Opinion section. "Slough," which, according to Webster's Dictionary, is defined as: to cast off one's skin, certainly doesn't sound like something you would do with makeup. Though the schools colors are buff and blue, the uniforms are blue and gold, that may explain their reference to such in cheers. There are others, but I wish not to cast aspersions.

This University has come a long way in the short time I've been here and though it has a long way to go, I am not going to be the one to kick them for trying. Maybe Leibowitz should look at it this way, by the time she finally gets a real job, in the real world, her degree will be worth twice as much as it was when she came here as a freshman. And for that, she can thank those fun-loving kids she chooses to knock.

-Dawn Darling

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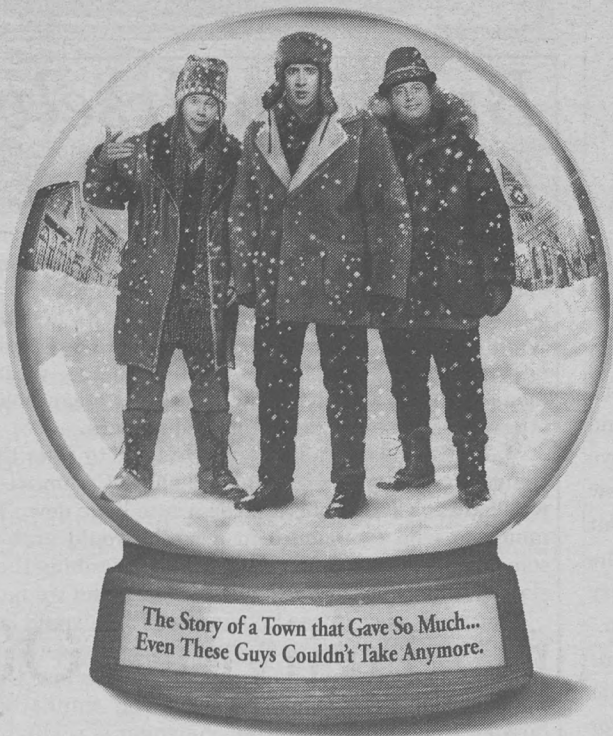
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Freshmen recount the horror of early morning scheduling

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System failure makes freshmen's lives tough

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Many students blamed the irresponsibility on the Registrar's Office.

"I was very upset because a professional institution should not work that way ... it's irresponsible that one computer glitch can mess up the entire system," freshman Tony Sayegh said.

A statement released by Gaglione and GW Public Affairs Director Mike Freedman said the system failure was not the fault of any employee or administrator.

"During the regular, daily computer back-ups - a disk which was being copied became inoperable, causing the system to crash," the statement said. "This was not the result of operator error but rather a flaw in the hardware which surfaced as the sequence was run."

Even though all the entries that were made on Friday were lost, the 7,649 entries made during the week were saved because the Registrar's Office makes daily copies. Unfortunately for those freshmen, it is impossible to make backups while people are registering, both Gaglione and Freedman explained.

Some freshmen had complaints not only about the computer crash, but also about the system as a whole.

"I couldn't get in until 9:30 a.m. (on Friday). I was trying since 6 a.m., and part of the reason was the computer had been shut down, but we didn't find out until 7 a.m.," Gedeuldig said.

"I ended up missing a class and was late for work," Sayegh said.

Most students said they feel the system needs to be changed, but they had few ideas as to what changes to make.

"No one should have to go through that again. It's like a form of medieval torture."

-Freshman Karen Gedeuldig

"The system should be changed, but I don't know how ... I don't want to stand in line either," Gedeuldig said. "I think phone registration has its merits, it's just the inefficient time for holds and the computer mess-ups; you don't expect that at GW."

"The system is sort of unfair because one may not get the classes they want," freshman B.J. Ahluwalia said. "My friend at (the University of California at) Berkeley is in a school three times bigger (than GW) and the majority of the people get what they want. The reason I came to a small school was so I could get the classes I want."

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Former professor dies after 11-years at GW

BY TRACY SISSER
MANAGING EDITOR

An 11-year veteran of the anthropology department died of a heart attack Nov. 18 at her home in Potomac, Md.

Ann G. Webster, 65, was a faculty member who taught primarily freshman courses, including socio-cultural anthropology and archaeology, from 1979 to 1993.

"She had a vivid personality," anthropology department administrator Jonathan Higman said. "She would be remembered by people who only met her once and who did not even remember her name."

Higman said Webster would often refer to herself as the "old lady in tennis shoes."

Webster earned her master's degree from GW at age 50, decades after she completed her undergraduate work at Wellesley College.

Higman said Webster traveled with her husband, who was in the foreign service, to Europe and Africa, where she volunteered to educate students. While in

Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1962 she had "so few school supplies were available that students in her geography classes had to draw with sticks in the dirt," according to a department statement.

She often referred to herself as the "old lady in tennis shoes," Higman said, so it was appropriate that she presented a bronze incense tennis shoe to the department chair when she graduated.

"Ann had a passionate devotion to her students," anthropology chair Alison Brooks said in the statement.

She was a anthropology faculty member for 14 years, her achievements in the classroom allowing her to remain on the faculty.

Webster also tutored student athletes, especially basketball players, from 1982 to 1987. She also worked in the Urban League tutoring program, teaching phonics and other subjects to students at H.D. Cook Elementary School in the District, according to the statement.

"She had a wide range of curiosity," Higman said.

Graduate school applicants face changes in test formats

(CPS) - Students who plan on taking the new computerized version of the Graduate Record Exam can leave their No. 2 pencils at home next year, while test-takers of the Graduate Management Association Test will need a sharp pencil to get through a new writing portion of the standardized test.

The GRE, administered by Educational Testing Services in New Jersey, is moving away from its paper and pencil version to a completely computerized format.

"We decided to make the test less linear and more adaptive," GRE Executive Director Charlotte Kuh said. "And the computerization allows us to put in some new types of questions."

Because of the increased awareness of the importance of writing in the business world, the GMAT will change formats for the first time since it was created in 1964. A writing section has been added to the new test that will measure a student's communication skills.

Beginning Oct. 15, the GMAT essay became a mandatory section of the exam. Students now have to write two essays, one analyzing a business issue and the other arguing a selected point of view.

On the final test date before the writing section became part of the exam, GMAT officials say the percentage of people taking the test increased by 15 percent.

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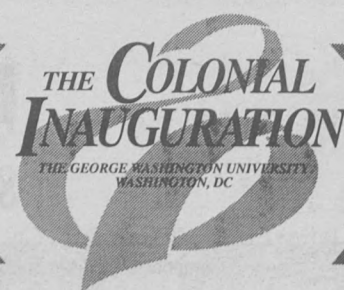
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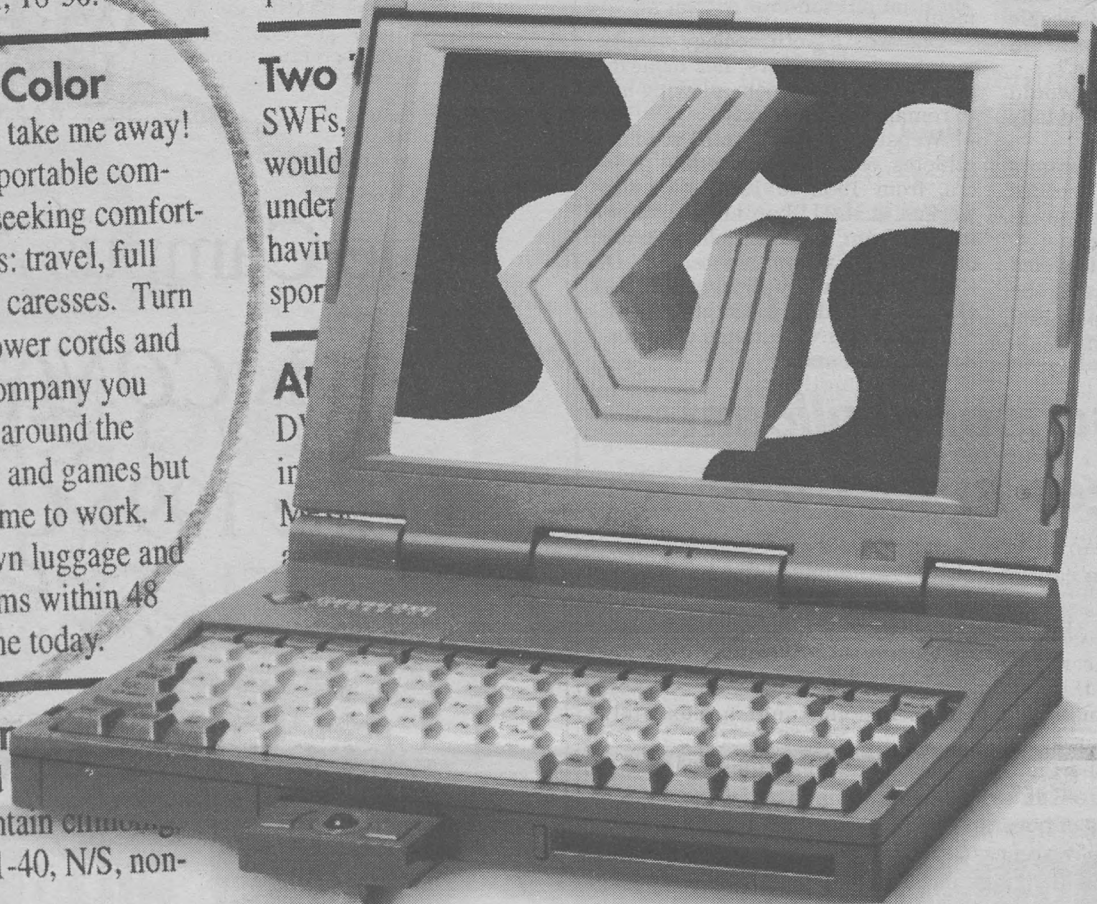
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Reps. charge misuse of funds

Thurston councilmembers spend hall money at Friday's

BY ERICA FRANKEL
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Several Thurston Hall floor representatives said the residence hall's executive board acted inappropriately by not going through constitution rules when they used hall council money to have dinner at T.G.I. Friday's.

Eight members of the Thurston Hall Council's executive board used \$166 from the hall council general fund to go to dinner at T.G.I. Friday's without the advice of the General Assembly, Thurston floor representatives Jonathan Pompan and Dave Bein charged.

Pompan said the representatives were told money was originally allocated for an Residence Hall Association staff retreat.

"Personally I don't think T.G.I. Friday's is the same as a leadership retreat with members of other residential halls," said Pompan, a fourth floor representative and Student Association senator. "We never authorized the expenditure in any form, not even with a nod of our heads."

But Thurston Hall Resident Director Patrick Savolskis said the spending was appropriate.

"The executive board felt they had not bonded well enough yet and said they wanted to make something happen," he said. "They decided to do something in-house without spending a lot of money."

Several representatives plan to send a letter to the executive board describing their grievances. The letter will also request that the money be replaced personally by

those who went to dinner.

The eight board members present at the dinner were: President Twinckle Vaidya, Vice President Heather Clapp and Secretary Marty Kamen; Residence Hall Association representatives Michelin Smith and Shirley Prempeh; Joint Dining Services Board Representatives Q. Golparvar and Scott Lowder; and Graduate Assistant Jennifer Knobe attended.

While Vaidya admitted to a procedural problem, she said she did not understand why people are concerned.

"The dinner served its purpose, it helped us to get along better," she said. "The act itself was not wrong, just the way it was presented."

Regardless, the executive board plans to offer an apology "because it was our fault we did not seek the advice" of the Hall, she said.

The executive committee, with advice from the General Assembly and the consent of the Hall Council advisers, "shall approve all expenditures from the Hall Council general fund," according to the Thurston Hall Council constitution.

Savolskis said because Thurston Hall elections always occur later than those in other residence halls, it is difficult for leaders to attend RHA retreats. The students already had plans for that weekend.

"Some did go (on the retreat) and some could not. We sent floor reps in place of the executive

board," he said.

But representatives adamantly disagreed. "When (the dinner) was presented to the dorm council, they told us they used the money in place or instead of the retreat," eighth floor representative Dave Bein said.

Even though the dinner was \$4 cheaper than the retreat, floor representatives say it does not make a difference. It is the principle of the matter which is important.

"Nothing like this has ever happened before. I'm a real stickler, if a hall government has its policy, comply with it or get out," said David McElyeen, associate director of the Office of Campus Life.

GW woos Columbia professor to NLC energy law program

Richard J. Pierce, who has had a distinguished career in energy law, will join the National Law Center faculty next year, The Advocate law school newspaper reported.

Pierce is the Paul J. Kellner Professor of Law at Columbia University in New York. Prior to this job, he was dean of the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

Pierce, who earned his doctorate at the University of Virginia, has taught at Southern Methodist University, Tulane University, Virginia and the University of Kansas law schools.

Pierce is not a stranger to the District - before entering the world of academia, he worked at the local law firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan.

Pierce is considered one of the country's top scholars in both energy and administrative law.

Professor Larry Mitchell, chair of the Faculty Appointments Committee at NLC, told the Advocate that Pierce made the initial contact with the law school concerning a teaching position.

This is the first time the law school has hired a chaired professor away from an Ivy League school, law school Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Roger Transgrud told the Advocate.

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Reveling in Christmas past

Annual tradition transforms Lisner into jolly old England

BY DAVID LARIMER
ARTS EDITOR

Mary Swope, dressed in full Victorian garb, sits back in her seat. All around her, the streets fill with shoppers and shopkeepers on the eve of the winter solstice. She politely declines a shoeshine, but accepts a sprig of mistletoe from a wandering vendor.

It's 10 minutes to showtime, and London is already in full bustle.

"The audience is very much participating," says Swope of the 12th annual edition of the Christmas Revels, held December 2-4 and 9-11 at Lisner Auditorium.

In past years, the Washington Revels have drawn from French, Russian, Celtic and other tradi-

tions. For this year's production, the audience is taken to 19th-century London, during the height of the Victorian era.

But the roots of the performance go much deeper. The Christmas Revels are in many ways as much about preserving history as they are about entertainment, says Swope, who both produces and performs in this year's show.

"It's a way of showing people the great tradition of music and poetry that has lasted," she says. "They have lasted because they are strong."

In fact, the Revels are not based on Christmas but on the pre-Christian celebration of the winter solstice. The celebration marked 12 days of singing and dancing during

the year's shortest days, designed to bring the sun back.

But while secular in nature, the Revels reflect a deep spirituality that draws from both Christian and pre-Christian observances of the season, traditions that continue to this day. "Lord of the Dance," the first act finale, mixes Christian lyrics and pre-Christian dance to produce a thoughtful and moving commentary on the lasting power of the Winter Solstice tradition.

But the Revels are a rousing performance, first and foremost. "It's all enjoyable in itself, even for a 5-year-old who doesn't care about history at all," says Swope. For even reticent audience members, singing along with the players comes as naturally as laughter early on in the performance.

Eclectic LP should be chuckled

BY TATIANA K. FIX
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Chucklehead's new album, *Fuzz* (Summit), is a mixture of funk, hip hop, rap and soul; in fact, it is doubtful that the band itself can classify its own music. This cluttered album successfully confuses and enrages the listener.

Who knows? Perhaps that is Chucklehead's entire purpose: to enrage. The music however, does not enrage in a positive way as a heavy metal band may often do, but in a rather petty way it makes the listener want to scream and cry in disbelief and discontent.

Meyer, as principal vocalist, hardly knows how to sing on tune and neither do his disciples, for that matter. What is even more striking is the number of instruments that the band apparently has — apparently since the music is so muddled it's hard to identify each sound and instrument.

Brian Gottesman's keyboards seem non-existent,

and the guitar is absent. On a more positive note Huck Bennert's saxophone does sound nice. Nevertheless, in this giant mess it hardly seems in place.

Chucklehead sounds like the revival of New Kids on the Block. Hence, those who are NKOTB followers are likely to find Chucklehead simply splendid and a true marvel.

Their song titles are certainly charming: "retro-sexy" "day job" and "big dumb song." "Big dumb song" is a big dumb song. Perhaps "mega dumb song" would be more appropriate. "Hell" is another pitiful song with no clear beat, and you'll find yourself on a highway to hell while listening. "Tug boat" sounds like a bunch of kids cheering and shouting along to some vague, unnoted music in the background.

Unfortunately, *Fuzz* is a real disappointment. In fact, New York winos banging on the garbage cans sound better. *Fuzz* is sadly out of touch, out of tune and out of style. One could say more, but after listening to a few tracks popping in some ear plugs may be more appropriate.

Hark! Unlikely heralds sing badly

New Yuletide albums feature alternative bands, soap stars

BY DAVID LARIMER
ARTS EDITOR

So This is Christmas, indeed.

It's not just to a new compilation on Atlantic Records, it's the unavoidable reaction to a band such as Bad Religion covering "Silent Night."

The record label has put its own twist on the Christmas sales frenzy by putting several college-friendly minstrels on a non-traditional Yuletide platter, all of which may inspire the little ones to abandon leaving out cookies and milk in favor of espresso.

Such a variation from the standard Christmas album provides occasion for drawing the limits of interpretation. The aforementioned Bad Religion bastardization is without a doubt the first Christmas cover ever to kick ass. Hootie and the Blowfish come across as perhaps the only band to really enjoy the holiday with a faithful version of "The Christmas Song." For the first two tracks, Christ is pretty cool.

But most of the waifs who appear on the remainder of *So This is Christmas* don't seem to realize that Christmas is generally a happy occasion. Evan Dando's take on "Silent Night" creates perhaps the most vapid, pathetic



The boys in Bad Religion just couldn't be more excited for Christmas!

Nativity in recorded history. And Juliana Hatfield does her best to turn "Make It Home" into another one of her tunes about being shy around boys.

Christmas is happy. It's so damn happy that Andy Williams, Perry Como and Amy Grant suddenly become required listening. Would you listen to John Denver, with or without the Muppets, at any other time of the year?

This is why *A Soap Opera Christmas* (RCA) beats the hell out of any twentysomething Christmas. It's bad. More than that, it's as nauseating as 10 pounds of fruitcake. But, boy, it's as joyfully cheesy as a colored artificial Christmas tree.

Who better to put a gloriously sappy spin on an often sappy cel-

ebrated holiday than soap opera stars? Kudos to the record company cheeseball who dreamt this puppy up.

No track deviates too far from the standard Christmas sound. The gravely solemn (a stone-faced reading from the Book of Matthew by Peter Bergman, "The Young and the Restless" Jack Abbott) is mixed with the sickeningly perky (Diana Barton and Scott Reeves — Marilyn Mason and Ryan McNeil of "The Young and the Restless" — singing "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!"). My God, there's even a medley by some group called the Soaps and Hearts Ensemble!

A Soap Opera Christmas was even recorded in true soap opera fashion, not bothering to re-record flubs, such as the times when the singers careen wildly off key.

A Soap Opera Christmas captures the best of the season's worst, capitalizing on a time when we're suckers for a happy tune. *So This is Christmas*, like its somewhat cynical title, assumes that we're just as grumpy in December as in the rest of the year. Just be careful, though. Like all those candy canes, divinity and gingerbread men, too much of *A Soap Opera Christmas* will make you sick.



Michael (GW theatre professor Alan Wade) comforts fellow hostage Edward (Neal Moran) in the Studio Theatre's 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me.'

Studio Theatre stages a powerhouse play

BY MAHER JAFARI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The human spirit shows its true colors in the Studio Theatre's latest production, Frank McGuinness' "Someone to Watch Over Me."

McGuinness' play, which previously had successful runs on Broadway and London's West End, throws Adam (Vincent Brown), an African American doctor; Edward (Neal Moran), an Irish journalist; and Michael (Alan Wade), a British professor, together in a dark dungeon as political prisoners in Beirut. Here the three explore, imagine, reflect on and change each others' lives.

To fight boredom and insanity, the three get caught up in elaborate daydreams, improvisational "movies" and imaginary letters home. The characters play off each other to discover the hidden resentments, fears, and dreams that lay behind the seemingly stereotypical nationalities.

From these inspired moments come the humor, sadness and strength that complete the portrait of the human spirit, which prevails over the nationalism, resentment and stereotyping each character shows in the beginning.

Brown is the pillar of strength at the start of the play. His character, Adam, comes first to the dungeon and is soon joined by Edward. Adam, the most intent on survival, keeps Edward sane and alive.

The strength shifts, however, as Adam begins to lose hope, and the two are joined by Michael, played by GW theatre professor Wade. By the end, the audience is left wondering where the real strength lies, as the lights (and the world) close in.

While all three actors give superb performances, McGuinness deserves special recognition for creating a script that so fully deals with human experience, and does not let political statements get in the way of a truly powerful play.

James Krozner's set design also adds much by putting the audience into the characters' world, making them feel the isolation. A small, diamond-shaped platform of gray stone, surrounded above and behind by more gray stone, together with the Studio Theatre's small, personal house, all combine to give a real atmosphere, however bleak, to the cell.

The characters are chained to the floor in each of the corners and, quite symbolically, have to meet in the middle for any real human interaction.

"Someone to Watch Over Me" is a journey worth taking. Its universalizing power of putting ordinary people into extraordinary situations makes it one of the best dramas out there.

"Someone to Watch Over Me" runs until Dec. 11 at the Studio Theatre, 1333 P Street, N.W.

SPOTLIGHT

First lady is last but not least

Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses herself, policy, press and public, finishing GW's panel of first lady discussions.

BY ERIN McLAUGHLIN
FEATURES EDITOR

Hillary Rodham Clinton sat composed with her hands folded perfectly in her lap, slowly warming up to the audience in GW's "The President's Spouse" class.

Unlike the first ladies who spoke before her class, Clinton, the last first lady to speak in the series, has something to lose. Her husband is a first term president. But Carl Anthony, the class' instructor, and the audience at the Mayflower Stouffer Hotel, loosened her up, and a lively discussion ensued about women, policy and even Clinton and her husband's

things — a "fill-in-the-blank."

Clinton told a friend's story of how her mother-in-law criticizes her from the moment the turkey goes in the oven to when the last dish is dried on Thanksgiving.

"That is sort of like the media. It's your mother-in-law coming on Thanksgiving," she says in comparison.

The first lady denied recent reports in tabloid media that she was pregnant with an alien. However, she says if were she'd keep it so Chelsea could have a sibling.

"I am not exactly sure I know how to take care of an alien but I'd learn," Clinton says with an eagerness that brought laughter from

for America's children. "That's what gets me up in the morning."

When asked by Anthony if he, like a genie from a bottle, could grant her three wishes, the previous is her third.

Her first is an end to racism.

The second is that Americans can come to a level of personal satisfaction she has still not witnessed. "We have so much freedom and so much affluence, but it doesn't seem enough," she says.

Clinton says these concerns are on the president's agenda. There is a "long list of things — some say too long" of what is left to accomplish, Clinton says. The first lady says she hasn't given up her fight for health care reform, and with the coming of a Republican-controlled Congress, she wants to "raise the issue to a level of awareness that people will be comfortable with."

Clinton praised her husband for a job well done. "He will be highly regarded when we look back upon accomplishments of the last two years," she says, calling these accomplishments "astonishing."

Clinton says that even if she was not first lady she would still be involved and vocal concerning public affairs.

"If I were at home in Little Rock, Ark., or if I'd never met Bill Clinton and I had gone home to Chicago, I'd be expressing my opinions with my friends over coffee or at the water cooler."

Although she was not asked if she would ever turn those opinions into a run for president herself, Clinton did say she thinks there is a good chance that in the next 20 years there will be a woman presiding over the United States.

"Something I may actually live long enough to see."

Hillary pointedly spoke to women, perhaps even a future president or two, during the conclusion.

"We will do the best we can ... Do your very best and let it go," she advises women. "You cannot please everybody."

"That is sort of like the media. It's your mother-in-law coming on Thanksgiving,"

-Hillary Rodham Clinton



initial flirtings.

"I'd never met anyone from Arkansas," Hillary says, explaining how she and Bill Clinton came together. The two were at Yale Law School when they met and "you know those moments sort of, like ... click."

It was a chance meeting that brought them to the head of a registration line. Then, it was off to the Yale art gallery.

But one glitch got in their way — the gallery attendants were on strike and there was no admittance. It was then that Bill struck a deal that if allowed to enter, he and Hillary would pick up trash at the gallery.

"Our first date was spent picking up trash," the first lady reminisces.

The once semi-carefree law students no longer pick up trash but try to pick at problems of a more global nature.

What do the leader of the free world and his spouse talk about?

"You talk about what is natural to talk about between husband and wife," Clinton explains, saying that her husband likes to ask anyone he can for opinions, including her.

But what about when they disagree? Does she keep this private?

"Yes. Well, absolutely," she says in response, but Clinton says she "rarely disagrees with him."

Disagreements are the elements of media dreams, and Clinton admits she does not always like the way she is portrayed by the press. "Sometimes I read about myself and I say 'ooh — I don't like her at all.'"

The first lady says media labeling is wrong, and not one person can be classified one way. "There is not a woman in the room that is not many things," the first lady says. She says she can be many

the audience.

Having a 14 year old in the White House is enough of a challenge. "Because she is so well-adjusted I don't think you'll see very much of her."

Hillary received advice on raising children from the recently deceased Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, whose two children continue to spend time in the media spotlight. Clinton had lunch in Onassis' New York apartment, and she describes Onassis as having been, "marvelous to talk with, so engaging."

But Clinton, who, pre-first lady status was known for her community service as a children's rights advocate, says she continues to feel the need to work for a better future



First lady Hillary Clinton is the fourth to be interviewed by Carl Anthony as part of "Evenings with the First Ladies."



photo by Claire Duggan

Using hand gestures to emphasize her points, Hillary Rodham Clinton directs many of her answers to women, encouraging them to succeed.

Grad student is writing his way to Hollywood

BY MEGAN STACK
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

While most grade school children play soccer and tag, Erik Bauer shot movies on his dad's eight millimeter camera. It is this childhood fancy that started Bauer in his current quarterly production.

Bauer, a 29-year-old GW political science graduate student, is the managing editor of Creative Screenwriting, a compilation of essays to assist the aspiring screenwriter break into movies and television.

When Bauer's interest in screenwriting increased a few years ago, he looked for some kind of publication aimed at professional screenwriters.

"I found that there really wasn't much out there in terms of dialogue between writers," he recalls. "So I just decided to do it, even though I had no experience whatsoever in publishing."

Establishing the publication was difficult, Bauer says. "Essentially, I had to put up my own money to get it started. It was basically financed through Visa and MasterCard."

Today the subscription base has grown, and issues are being sold to aspiring writers in bookstores and on newsstands.

The Creative Screenwriting staff has grown, too. The editorial board, consisting of students from across the country, is diverse as well.

"Organizationally, it's a nightmare to get everyone's input," Bauer admits. "I'm always putting out letters and calling. Some people return the correspondence quickly, others don't. So it's a bit of a challenge."

Bauer is now in the process of writing his own screenplay, but he would not reveal what it is about. Although he hopes to sell it, he acknowledges the incredible difficulty in selling a speculative script to Hollywood.

Last year, 30,000 "spec" scripts were registered with the Screenwriter's Guild. Of these scripts, about 20 were sold.

"I guess it comes down to is, can you pay the rent?" says Bauer on the economic difficulty of becoming a screenwriter.

The market may be opening up for spec scriptwriters, though, as interest in independent movies increases.

"Look at movies like (Quentin Tarantino's) *Reservoir Dogs*," Bauer says. "A lot of major studios wouldn't have greenlighted the torture and violence scenes and much of the dialogue. Writers and directors are starting to get a lot more power."

For the time being, Bauer is completing his doctorate and is looking for a job. He wants to ensure the future of Creative Screenwriters.

"I'd really like to see it become completely self-supporting," he says. Bauer also is seeking an intern to assist him next semester.

In the meantime, Bauer can mix work with pleasure by catching a flick and keeping up with the competition.

"Well, it can be difficult to enjoy a film," Bauer says. "I always find myself second-guessing the writer and director at every turn, instead of just watching the movie like everyone else."

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Experts: Republicans to rule press coverage

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Republicans are going to dominate the coverage of the media in the next two years and most of it will be negative, said Robert Lichter, co-director of the Center for Media and Public Affairs, during the third installment of "The Kalb Reports."

GW visiting professor Marvin Kalb moderated the discussion on whether the press will move more to the political right after the recent and massive GOP election victories. The program was the third in a series of monthly broadcasts on C-SPAN sponsored by GW and The National Press Club.

Nina Totenberg, legal affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, agreed with Lichter and said the majority of the media coverage will move to the right as the political agenda shifts to the right.

However, Haynes Johnson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post and GW professor, said the media should just cover the stories and a move to the political right is "nonsense."

"We're simply doing our jobs ... It's our responsibility to show the American people what is being proposed by the politicians," CNN Washington anchor Bernard Shaw said.

Shaw said the Republican politicians will be under the same kind of scrutiny the Democrats were when they were in control. He noted this will not necessarily require the media to move more to the political right.

Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said the Republican politicians have always been under more scrutiny by the press than the Democrats because the press is "indisputably liberal."

Barbour added that the Republican party's television network, GOP-TV, was created so that the Republican politicians would be able to get their messages to the people "unfiltered." He said the liberal filters - editors - in the mainstream press often decide not to cover Republican stories prominently or favorably.

Johnson argued that the idea of an overwhelmingly liberal press is merely "a myth." The media were much kinder to former Republican presidents Richard Nixon - before Watergate - and Ronald Reagan than they were to former Democratic president Jimmy Carter, he noted.

Steven Roberts, senior writer for U.S. News and World Report, and a GW professor, added that President Bill Clinton has received considerably "bad coverage" by the media and he certainly would not agree with the notion of a liberal media.

"Research shows that the media are persistently critical to all presidents," Totenberg said. She added reporters are neither inherently conservative or liberal, rather they are "anti-authoritarian."

Lichter said the problem with the media today is not in their bias, but in its tone and content. He noted the content of media coverage has become more negative over time and the public thinks the media are telling them how to think.

Kalb added the public feels worse about the government and its institutions as the media coverage becomes more negative.

"The press contributes to this corrosive cynicism," Roberts said. "The press isn't just a reflective mirror, it's now a fun house mirror, distorting everything ... There is almost no market for good news anymore."

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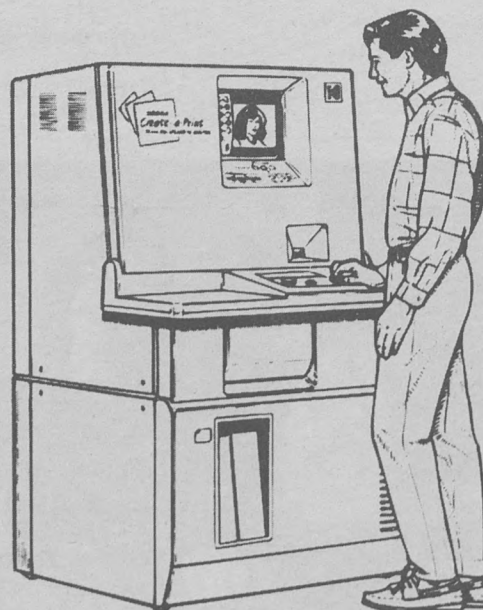
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In addition to the National Direct Student Loan program, which allows students to borrow money directly from the government, Congress has passed the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, which will introduce Individual Education Accounts, or IEAs.

"One of his goals was to allow students to make different choices with their loans so they wouldn't be burdened down with repayment as soon as they graduated from college," said Madeleine Kunin, U.S. deputy secretary of education.

Kunin said students often shy away from less-paying, service-oriented jobs because they realize that repaying their loans may be difficult because of the lower salaries.

And "that's not necessarily the goal of higher education," Kunin said.

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Students relinquish some privacy with e-mail

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code of conduct, which is displayed when users log in to the system. It warns, "Use of the system constitutes consent to security testing and monitoring."

"If you feel that whatever you (write) people can look at your stuff, then don't use a public system," Ellis said.

Ellis said he does not spend all his time monitoring students' activities on GWIS2, but he is aware not every student uses the Internet for purely academic purposes.

Chain letters, for instance, usually do not bother Ellis, but if they are reported, Ellis said his duty is to warn the sender not to do it again. "If it hits me in the face, then I'm obliged to deal with it," Ellis said.

But sometimes the misconduct is not as innocent as humorous chain letters. Because of the increasingly easy access to the Internet, students with a little technical skill can access a growing library of digitized pornography.

Using GWIS2 for these purposes falls into a "gray area," Ellis said. Though computer center administrators never intended its system to be used for downloading pornography, Ellis said he does respect students' right to privacy.

Since GW is a private university, Ellis said CIRC could "censor all we want. But we didn't, and that could change" if the "powers that be" decide to change policy, he explained.

Not every university has administrators who prefer this hands-off approach to students' e-mail rights.

Carnegie Mellon University, for example, banned more than 80 sex-related newsgroups from its Internet systems after a parent threatened a lawsuit. The parent was concerned about the more than 900,000 digitized pornographic pictures available on the university's on-line discussion groups, or newsgroups.

At GW, though, Ellis said the system has not had many problems.

GWIS2 users, like those at Carnegie Mellon, do not have access to some "sex" newsgroups. But that is because of space constraints, not because of censorship, Ellis said. Digitized pictures of any kind take up considerable disk space, and Ellis said the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, which administers GWIS2's newsgroups, opted to block them out.

Reese said GW has "a sense of community," which leads the University to want to make the most out of its new Internet technology.

"It's not in anyone's interest to screw (GWIS2) up," Reese explained. "When people do it, we have to pay attention to security."

GWIS2 is a "shared resource," which Reese said he hopes students respect.

But Reese warned students should take precautions to ensure their e-mail privacy on the Internet. "E-mail should be treated like a post card," Reese said.

Though he said e-mail should be private, Reese admitted, "I wouldn't want to exchange sensitive information on any system," including GWIS2.

College Press Service contributed to this report.

Lawyers face off over religion

BY MATTHEW KWAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Alan Dershowitz, legal counsel to the rich and famous, argued that nothing is more important than the separation of church and state in a debate with District lawyer Nathan Lewin about whether religious symbols should be allowed to be displayed on public grounds.

The lawyers, who are considered to be two of the most renowned figures in the legal world, heatedly argued before a packed audience in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre Nov. 22.

The American Friends of Lubavitch sponsored the debate in

cooperation with GW. Levi Shemtov, the director of the Washington Office of the American Friends of Lubavitch, co-moderated the debate with GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

In his introduction, Shemtov said religious liberties for Jews "have not always prevailed through history and the world." As a result, Shemtov said the public lighting of menorahs provided the "gratification and pride of religious freedom."

Lewin asserted that the display of menorahs was protected by the free speech clause of the First Amendment. Lewin, an attorney with the D.C. firm Miller, Cassidy, Larroca and Lewin, is noted as a legal representative of those who say their religious rights have been violated.

"There is no reason why religious speech is any different from any other form of speech," Lewin said.

Lewin said the display of menorahs on public spaces allow "Jews to communicate with each other" and "is not an attempt to proselytize."

"You are afraid of religion," Lewin said. "I am afraid for religion."

Dershowitz, a Harvard University law professor and a frequent legal representative of celebrities including O.J. Simpson, countered by stating that "speech is different from religion."

"If it ain't broke, why fix it?"

Dershowitz said. "The wall of religion has served America and Jews so well."

Dershowitz stressed the danger of a government that "preferred religion over non-religion" because it "forces a definition of the true religion" by the government. He added that allowing the public display of menorahs could also lead to the display of crosses with swastikas by racist neo-Nazi groups posing as Christians.

Dershowitz said a display of religious symbols on public grounds would cause turf wars among different religions over communal space and could have even more serious implications.

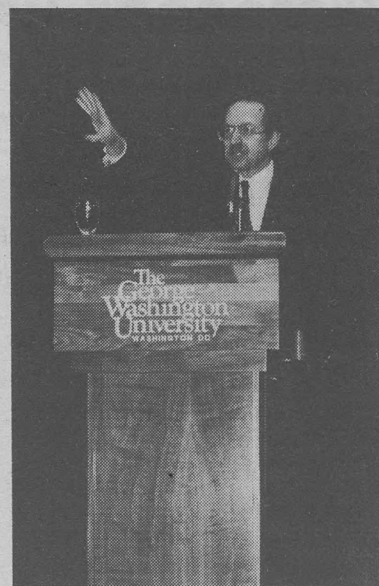
"Religious divisions causes religious wars," Dershowitz said.

Members of the audience said they were impressed by the debating skills of Dershowitz and Lewin. And members of the Jewish community expressed satisfaction that this issue was being discussed.

"Both speakers were brilliant, especially Dershowitz, in their ability to come back with a rebuttal," freshman Michael Gereboff said. He said that as a Jew, he feels strongly about the issues debated.

Junior Candi Chen said she agreed with Dershowitz that menorahs should not be displayed in public places because "then everybody will be able to and it will get out of hand."

Freshman Jason Lyons



Alan Dershowitz

described it as "two lawyers in a no-holds barred confrontation, with an issue that has significance to me."

However, some were not satisfied with the argument of the speakers.

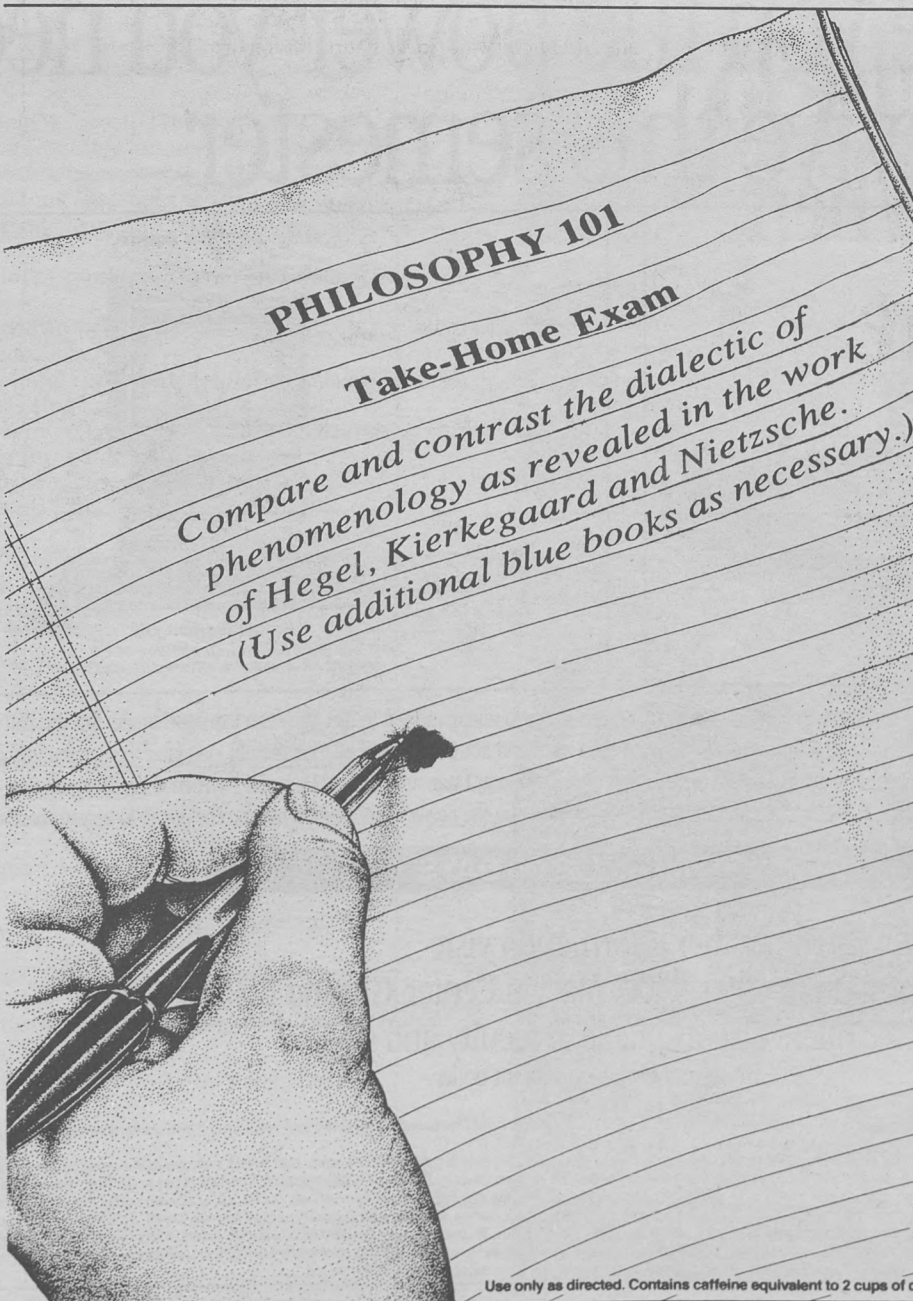
"The issue was confused a little. I had hoped they would argue more legally. It didn't clear the issues in my mind," Dave Reinstein, a freshman, said.

Reinstein added that he did not think the speakers should have assumed the audience was Jewish in reference to their frequent use of Yiddish phrases.

Trachtenberg also announced the University will establish two \$10,000 scholarships in the names of the debaters.

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Professor uncovers evidence in alleged murder

BY ERIN McLAUGHLIN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW forensics and law professor James Starrs held a press conference on Monday — the 41st anniversary of biochemist Frank Olson's death — to announce the first conclusions he and a team of experts uncovered concerning the circumstances of Olson's death. Starrs and his team are attempting to prove that Olson did not commit suicide but instead was

murdered by the CIA.

Olson died after plunging from the 13th floor of a hotel onto a Manhattan sidewalk. Olson, who worked for the government during the 1950s, was unknowingly given LSD by the CIA to see if it would make him "talk" about any government secrets he may have known, Starrs said.

Starrs disproved the original autopsy's discovery of multiple lacerations on the face and neck. Starrs' team did not find the lacerations but did find a large bump over one of Olson's eyes.

What the lack of lacerations prove, Starrs said, is "if he went through glass, he wasn't cut."

Starrs said there are two possible reasons why there are no lacerations. The first may be because the window could have been open when he went through it. If so, this would not explain why the window was found broken.

The second is that a shield, such as a window shade, would have

surrounded Olson, protecting him from the breaking glass, Starrs said.

Either way, Starrs said he does not think it was a suicide because no suicidal person would try to jump through a closed window with the shade pulled down.

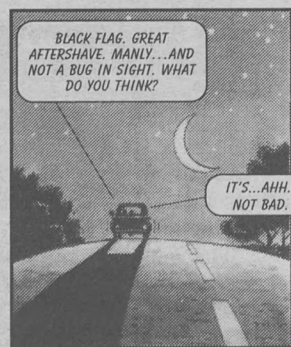
As for the bump, Starrs described it as "the typical bump you would get if someone hit you in the head. It couldn't have happened from hitting the pavement." But, Starrs added, it may have

been inflicted from another person in the room before the fall.

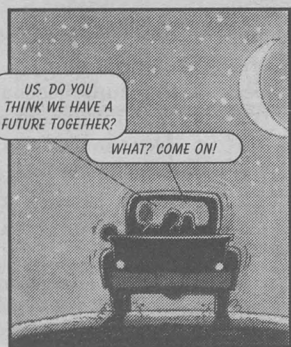
At the press conference Starrs and his team displayed the different hypotheses of Olson's plunge via an animated computer program.

"The computer program was wonderful," Starrs said. It enabled the team to pinpoint the accuracy or inaccuracy of the velocity of Olson's fall as well as where he landed on the pavement, Starrs said.

Starrs plans on continuing his investigation, especially of the broken glass, with GW geology Chair George Stephens.



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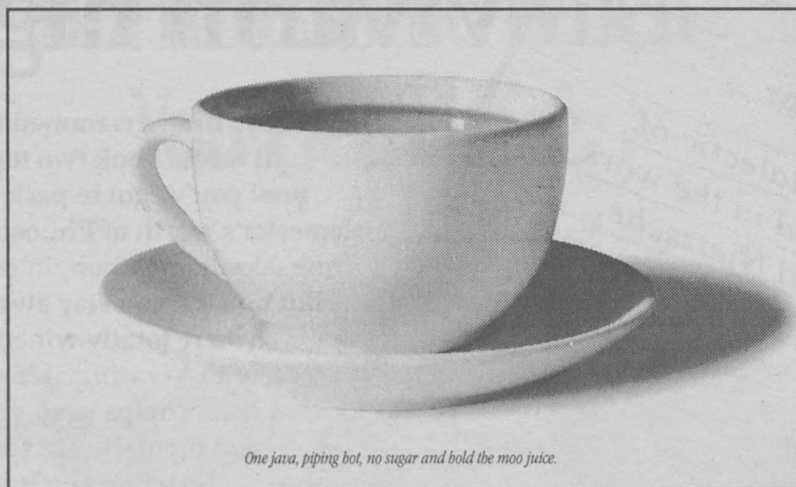
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CRIME LOG

The following crimes were reported to University Police between Nov. 8 and Nov. 28:

Thefts

- 613 22nd St. N.W., Nov. 25. A GW student reported the theft of a \$240 mountain bike from inside the building.
- 2000 block of H St. N.W., Nov. 10. A GW student reported the theft of a bookbag - containing law books and personal papers valued at a total of \$150 - from the front seat of his parked car.
- Academic Center, Nov. 21. A GW student reported the theft of her purse - containing credit cards and identification - from the second floor.
- Adams Hall, Nov. 27. A resident reported the theft of a jewelry box containing \$400 worth of jewelry from her second-floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Adams Hall, Nov. 27. A resident reported the theft of a \$200 VCR from his second-floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Adams Hall, Nov. 27. A resident reported the theft of a \$100 cassette player from his second-floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Alumni House, Nov. 8. A visitor to the University reported the theft of a camera case and miscellaneous camera equipment from the first-floor lounge. The missing items were valued at \$1,000.
- Building B, Nov. 18. A GW employee reported the theft of several personal checks.
- Building H, Nov. 10. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$100 camera from her desk drawer.
- Building H, Nov. 28. A GW employee reported the theft of her wallet - containing credit cards, ID and \$10 in cash - from the third floor.
- Building JJ, Nov. 11. A construction contractor reported the theft of a Skilsaw, cordless drill and saw from the rear of the building. The missing items were valued at \$430.
- Burns Law Library, Nov. 11. A GW student reported the theft of a change purse containing \$35 in cash.
- Francis Scott Key Hall, Nov. 28. A resident reported the theft of \$105 in cash from her eighth-floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Francis Scott Key Hall, Nov. 28. A resident reported the theft of a gold ring and gold necklace valued at a total of \$500 from her fourth-floor room. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Fungler Hall, Nov. 28. A GW student reported the theft of her purse - containing credit cards and ID - from the second floor.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 9. A GW student reported the theft of his backpack - containing a sweater, sunglasses and a notebook - from the first floor. The missing items were valued at \$100.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 11. A GW student reported the theft of a wallet - containing credit cards, ID and \$80 in cash - from the fifth floor.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 19. A GW student reported the theft of a watch and Walkman radio valued at a total of \$350 from the third floor.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 26. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$180 CD player from the fourth floor.
- Guthridge Hall, Nov. 20. A GW student reported the theft of a concert guitar, an electric guitar, a guitar case and sheet music from her room.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 21. A GW student reported the theft of his backpack - containing an airline ticket, four cassettes, an umbrella, and identification - from the first floor. The missing items were valued at \$2,410.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 19. A GW student reported the theft of a tackle box containing art supplies from the first floor. The missing items were valued at \$65.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 9. A GW student reported the theft of a checkbook and Visa card from the first floor.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 9. A GW student reported the theft of a cellular telephone from her backpack on the first floor.
- Smith Center, Nov. 22. A GW employee reported the theft of a stereo receiver and double cassette tape deck valued at a total of \$529.
- Stockton Hall, Nov. 9. A GW student reported the theft of \$30 cash from her backpack on the second lower level of the building.
- Stuart Hall, Nov. 19. A GW employee reported the theft of a wallet - containing a checkbook, identification and \$10 in cash - from her office on the fourth floor of Stuart Hall.
- University Parking Garage, Nov. 8. A visitor to the University reported the theft of four wheel covers, valued at \$200, from her vehicle, which was parked on the first level of the garage.

Harassment

- Adams Hall, Nov. 21. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Francis Scott Key Hall, Nov. 21. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
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- Milton Hall, Nov. 16. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Mitchell Hall, Nov. 17. A resident reported receiving harassing electronic mail messages.
- Thurston Hall, Nov. 28. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
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SPORTS

Colonial Women badger Wisconsin in NCAA first round

Dejá vu in the Smith Center: GW survives 5-game marathon

BY JARED SHER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

If history has a funny way of repeating itself, then it engulfed the Smith Center Wednesday night. For the second straight year, GW volleyball survived a five-game thriller to win the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Nearly a year ago to the day, the Colonial Women held off the University of Pittsburgh to capture their first ever victory in the NCAA Tournament. Even though the opponent was different Wednesday night, the story was the same.

Once again GW prevailed, but it took five tense sets before the team finally closed the door on the University of Wisconsin (15-13, 15-11, 12-15, 12-15, 15-10). The

Colonial Women rode the momentum of an outstanding game 5 to earn a spot in the second round of the Tournament against the top-seeded and unbeaten University of Nebraska.

In the process, they took a big step for volleyball on the East Coast, an area that often gets little national respect.

"We were doing the best that we possibly can to represent the East Coast," head coach Susie Homan said. "I think across the country, they need to know there are other good teams out here besides Penn State. We made a good mark toward people having a higher degree of respect for us."

"A major, major goal for us was the pride for East Coast volleyball," Svetlana Vtyurina said.

Vtyurina carried the Colonial Women's offense throughout the match, ripping 48 kills and hitting .474. Every time the team needed a clutch play, the junior outside hitter took the pass and came through.

"Everything was on the line," Vtyurina said. "That's the biggest match we probably played this year. I didn't even think about it. I was just pushing as hard as possible."

GW clearly came out more confident in the tournament this year. Last season, the Colonial Women were nervous against Pitt and failed to control the tempo.

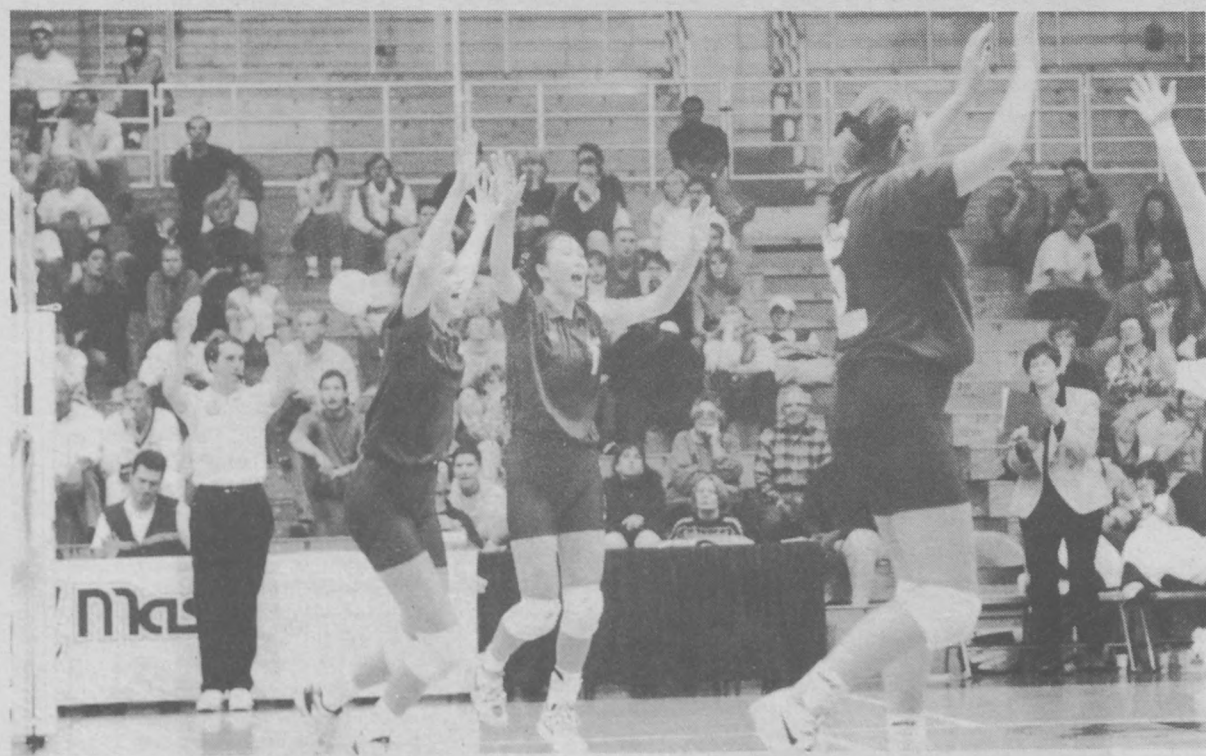
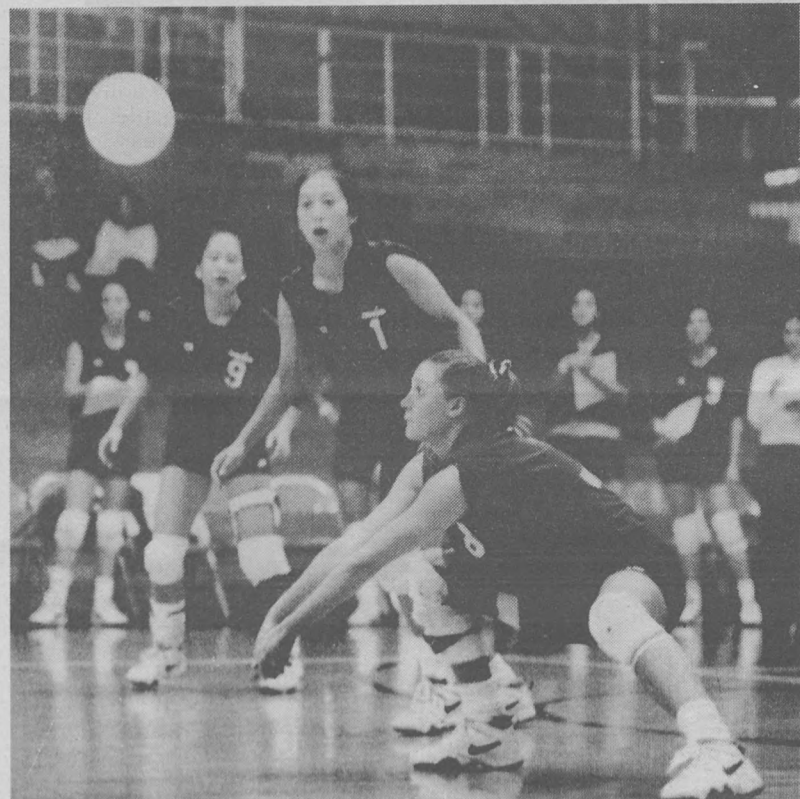
"Last year, we were just in awe of the whole situation," Stefanie Francis said. "We were completely nervous, didn't know what to expect, didn't really understand the pressure of the situation. This year, we were completely prepared. We knew what to expect and knew what we had to do to come out with a (win) in this game."

Wednesday night, they took the court with confidence and controlled the match at the beginning. In a scenario the team has played out many times this season, the Colonial Women won the first two games but dropped the next two.

"It seemed like their strategy was just to try to put us to sleep and take us off because we were trying to pick the tempo up, and I really felt that they were trying to slow it down," Homan said. "The match allowed them to do that. I thought we lost our focus and concentration a little bit. We were playing in spurts instead of having a consistent play."

The match came down to the pivotal game 5, where the scoring is based on the rally-serve system. Under these rules, teams score points on each play, regardless of who is serving.

"I think that we're a good rally-scoring team because we can side out," Homan said. "I was really confident that when we got to rally



Jill Lammert (top) concentrates on a dig against UMass. She tallied 20 digs in GW's NCAA first-round victory over Wisconsin Wednesday night. Celebration time (bottom): Heather McNab, Liu Li and Svetlana Vtyurina cheer during the Nov. 5 game at Massachusetts.

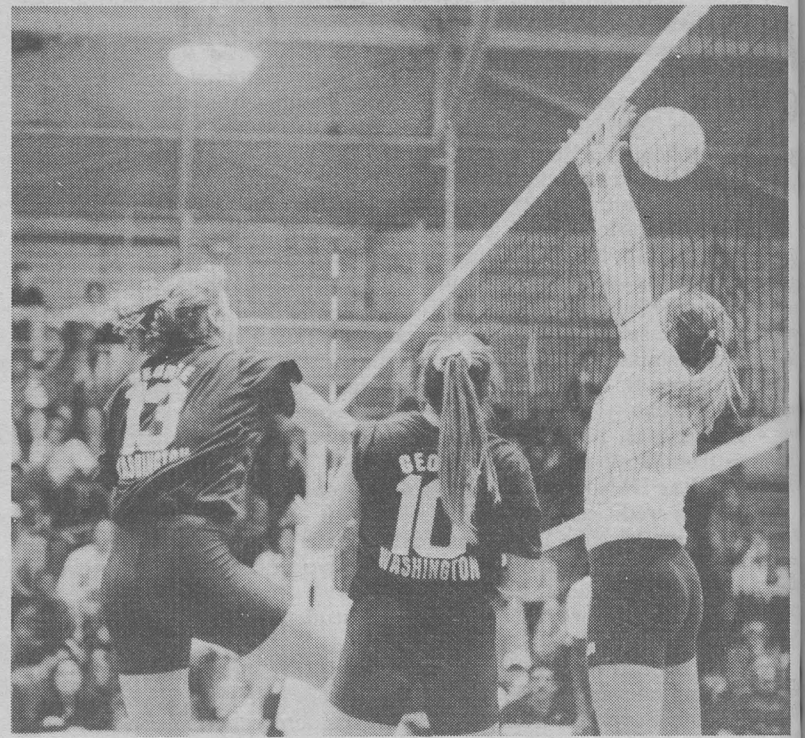


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Stefanie Francis' kill eludes a Minutewoman's block Nov. 5 as Kate Haubenreich provides support. Francis helped fill the holes Wednesday night when the Badgers keyed in on GW's two big hitters.

scoring ... we'd be fine."

Wisconsin jumped ahead early in the first game, 4-1, but the Colonial Women battled back. Spurred by Vtyurina's power game and solid inside play from Anna Krimmel, GW matched the Badgers to a tie at 13.

Heather McNab came off the bench to shore up the front line and wound up serving for game point. After her serve, she extended herself in a dive to make a tremendous dig, setting up Vtyurina for a massive kill.

The Colonial Women built on their momentum early in game 2. GW pulled ahead 8-3 with solid service from Liu Li (25 kills, 16 digs, six aces). Li added a pair of back row kills to aid the rally.

Wisconsin refused to fold, however. The Badgers grabbed control of the front line and rifled off five straight points, cutting the lead to 11-10. Just when things began to get out of control, the Colonial Women responded.

Kate Haubenreich, who shattered the GW record with 89 assists, took control of the service. Haubenreich led the rally with an ace before Vtyurina finished the game, giving the Colonial Women a stranglehold on the match.

GW faltered in game 3, despite the chance to wrap up the match in a sweep. The Colonial Women fell behind quickly on the heels of back-to-back hitting errors, 3-0.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin's offense settled down and what had been an erratic unit became a force at the net. The Badgers hit .457 with just two errors in the set. Their offense allowed them to pull away and the team held off the GW comeback to stay alive.

The Colonial Women had another chance to put the match away in game 4, but floundered offensively with nine errors, hitting just .208. Nonetheless, GW was in the set, carving its way to a 7-7 tie and even pulling ahead, 10-8.

However, Wisconsin fought to regain the initiative. The Badgers

scrambled to take the lead and held off another Colonial Women's comeback attempt, forcing the deciding fifth game.

GW found its offense in game 5 and found enough stamina to pull out the victory. The Colonial Women quickly slammed the door on Wisconsin, jumping ahead 9-4.

Vtyurina and Francis paced the frantic offensive effort and GW never trailed in its sixth extended match of the season. The Badgers could not match up with the Colonial Women during the fast-paced finale, and Wisconsin served long on match point to hand GW the victory.

The win allows the Colonial Women to move on to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where they will face the University of Nebraska. The Cornhuskers are 29-0 and ranked first nationally in both the coaches' and media polls.

However, GW remains undaunted in the face of the great task before them. The Colonial Women faced similar circumstances against then No. 1 Long Beach State University in the second round last year, and buckled under the pressure.

Now, they are confident they can compete against the heavily favored Cornhuskers when they meet this Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

"There's a lot of pressure on them because they're undefeated and we have absolutely nothing to lose and they have everything to lose," Homan said. "All year, we have had higher expectations of ourselves and of this team. We had no plans of just getting to the first round this year."

"We wanted to better ourselves and that means winning the second round."

Homan added that one of the Colonial Women's strengths lies in its ability to play well against teams that have never seen them. They have been able to surprise teams unfamiliar with them throughout the course of the season.

SPORTS

Colonials snare third place in Big Apple

GW enjoys spectacular preseason

BY JARED SHER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The GW men's basketball team spent the Thanksgiving holiday staking out its position for all the nation to see. The Colonials took third place in the Preseason NIT at New York's Madison Square Garden.

GW dropped its semifinal bout with Ohio University, but rebounded two nights later to drop the University of Memphis to salvage its Final Four experience.

Colonial guard Kwame Evans was named to the All-Tournament team Friday night. Evans was GW's offensive leader throughout the four-game competition, averaging 25.5 points per game.

The tournament represented a great stride for GW basketball, as the team's success gives it a 3-1 record to start the year. Furthermore, three of the Colonials' first four games were televised nationally on ESPN.

GW also hosted Court Authority in a Smith Center exhibition game Sunday night. While the Colonials dropped the contest, they played

their starters sparingly and spread around playing time.

Court Authority 78, GW 62

Head coach Mike Jarvis' squad returned from the NIT to host Court Authority and promptly lost, 78-62. The Colonials did not play any starter more than 16 minutes, and the reserves could not keep up with the team made of former Virginia college players.

The resurgent Antoine Hart led the way for GW with 12 points on six of eight shooting. He added six rebounds in his 15 minutes. Ferdinand Williams chipped in nine points off the bench.

GW 69, Memphis 60

The Colonials bounced back to stifle the Tigers and capture third place in the NIT consolation game Friday evening. GW overcame a seven-point halftime deficit and went on a second half shooting bonanza to pull out the victory.

The Colonials used four of five shooting from three-point land and shot 56 percent overall in the second half to come from behind. Evans

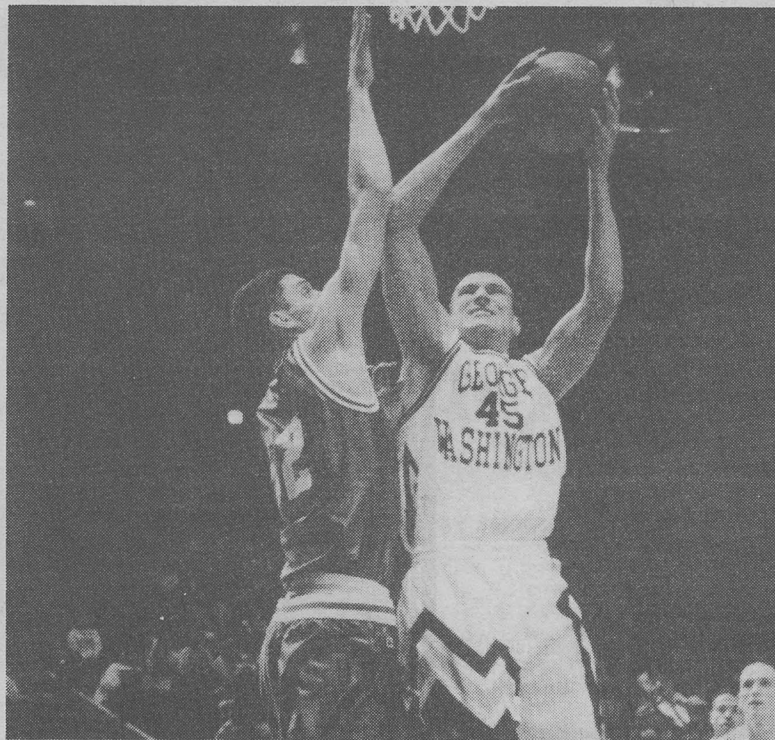


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Alexander Koul (#45) muscles past Ohio's Jason Terry on his way to the basket in the Nov. 23 NIT semifinal.

downed 26 points, 16 of them in the second half.

Vaughn Jones followed with 11 points and Nimbo Hammons led the team with seven rebounds despite struggling on offense. Hammons made just one of nine shots to finish

with five points.

GW went on an 11-0 run to begin the second half and opened up a six-point lead with just over 10 minutes remaining in the game. Memphis battled back and regained the lead at 53-52 with 5:47 to play.

The Colonials went on another run, this one 12-4, over the next three and a half minutes, capped off by Omo Moses' two steals to seal the win.

Ohio 82, GW 76

GW fell 82-76 to No. 14 Ohio in a tense game Wednesday night, despite a tremendous offensive contribution from Evans. The junior guard poured in 34 points to keep the Colonials close, but the Bobcats pulled away down the stretch.

GW stayed close to Ohio throughout the first half, leading by as many as five and pulling back within one with under three minutes to play.

The Bobcats rallied in the second half and opened up a seven-point lead before the Colonials fought back to 71-70 with 2:27 to play. Ohio held on, however, never relinquishing the lead. The Colonials missed a couple of key layups down the stretch, allowing the Bobcats to pull away.

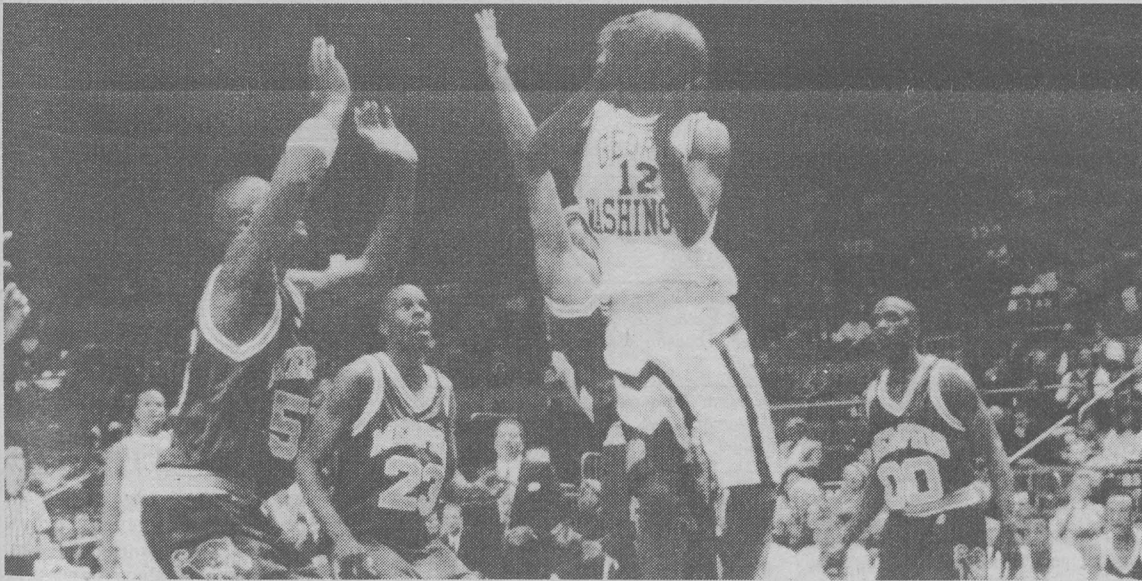


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Kwame Evans (#12) leaves Memphis' Lorenzen Wright (#55) and Michael Wilson (#23) guessing.

Colonial Women set for strong start after long wait

BY KYNAN KELLY
SPORTS EDITOR

While the GW men's basketball team has enjoyed a frenzied November barnstorming in the national spotlight, the women's team has been quietly biding its time practicing in the Smith Center.

The Colonial Women will have their first chance to prove themselves and put their No. 18 national ranking on the line when they travel down to New Orleans, La., Friday for the Tulane Classic. The University of Missouri-Kansas City, their opponent Friday night, also will pose the first competition for GW since its 102-65 exhibition victory over Sportelna Bratislava Nov. 11.

The Colonial Women's long wait between their first and second games was created because GW had to play the exhibition game

early and did not win a bid to the Preseason Women's NIT. The area's bid instead went to the University of Maryland, which lost in the first round to Virginia Tech University.

The Atlantic 10 schedules the exhibition tour games, according to head coach Joe McKeown, so the Colonial Women "had no control" over who they played or when. They originally were scheduled to play the Italian National team.

McKeown said the time off has not had a negative effect on his team, but he admitted the Colonial Women are anxious to play a game.

"It's worked out pretty well since we've gotten a lot of practice in," McKeown said. "It's a hard time for players, but coaches love it because coaches never feel like they're getting enough practice. Hopefully, we'll be ready to step in to this tournament in New Orleans

prepared.

"(The team is) a very competitive group, and they're tired of practice. They're ready to play someone else," he added.

McKeown said the Kangaroos of Missouri-Kansas City will challenge the Colonial Women's perimeter defense with their explosive three-point shooting. The Runnin' Roos may also have a slight advantage because they have more game experience this season than GW.

"Missouri-Kansas City will be a good test for us because we haven't played any games and they'll have a couple under their belts," he said.

With an experienced team, McKeown said he expects his players to have a strong start anyway.

"You'd hope they'd be able to step in and play at a certain level," he said. "That's what I want from this team. I don't want them to

have to find themselves - I want them to already know who they are."

December will be a busy month for GW after it returns from the Bayou. The Colonial women face Georgetown into the Smith Center Nov. 7 and hosts the George Washington Invitational Dec. 9-10. The Colonial Women will then travel out West Dec. 21-22 to the Showboat Shootout in Las Vegas, Nev.

Southwest Missouri State, a Final Four team two years ago, will round out the month when it visits GW Dec. 29.

McKeown said his team is more than ready to get in on the crest of basketball excitement at GW.

"There's so much excitement now because of what the guys did in the NIT. Our kids are all excited about that and they want to play, too."

View from the cheap seats ...

At least GW doesn't pretend Court Authority is in our league

GW should be ranked first in the nation.

Okay, so maybe that's overly optimistic. How about first in the D.C. area?

When the top 25 poll comes out, some consideration should be given to the schedules of these top 25 teams. For example, have you noticed the teams Maryland had to beat on the way to losing the Maui Invitational? The Terrapins began by beating that basketball powerhouse, Chaminade. After the first game, head coach Gary Williams said how pleased he was that his team was able to mix it up and win the game. Gary, quit crowing! Chaminade is a division 1-AA school, meaning literally it is not in the same league.

Tournaments like this are a horrendous trend in college basketball. Every decent program, in a desperate attempt to get an NCAA berth, is willing to schedule games against vastly inferior teams in order to build their record. St. John's, one of my favorite non-GW teams, begins each year with the Lapchick Tournament, an automatic 2-0 start for the Redmen/Red Storm. This year they took on the menacing "Big Green" of Dartmouth and the mediocre Bowling Green.

The result? St. John's won it for the 15th straight time. For next year, they've scheduled the Little Sisters of the Poor and the East Podunk State Pansies.

Real teams like Arkansas start their seasons the hard way: a double whammy of UMass and then Georgetown. Of course, Arkansas lost to UMass in its first game of the season (I tell ya, nothing's going Clinton's way these days), so don't expect many teams to repeat their mistake. Most big-name teams will continue to deprive fans of real matchups and pick on collegiate punching bags like Bucknell and Morgan State. Still, if you're going to play a high school-level team, at least have the dignity to call it an exhibition, like GW did in its breather against Court Authority.

Anyway, here's why GW should be ranked higher than Georgetown and Maryland. Look at the three teams we've beaten this year: Syracuse, Canisius and Memphis. We came darn close to beating Ohio. Thus, we're 3-1 and the only area team surpassing expectations. Georgetown got thrashed by Arkansas by almost 20 points. Maryland got upset by unranked Arizona State. So while they're getting thrashed and losing to teams they're supposed to beat, we're winning and playing tough against teams we're supposed to lose to.

GW certainly belongs in the top 25. But don't hold your breath.

-Jim Geraghty

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